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CIA recruiters met by student protest

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Inside the Law Quad yesterday Ernest Mayerfield explained to law students the benefits of working for the Central Intelligence Agency as attorneys.

Outside the Law Quad's State Street entrance, protesters chanted, "No more torture! No more coups! No more law school interviews!" "We don't want our smiles on your files!"

ACROSS THE STREET from the Law Quad, on the roof of the Sigma Chi fraternity, protesters protesting the anti-CIA protesters were playing the national anthem so loudly that many Law School students in classes could not hear their professors.

And Ann Arbor police officers strolled through the crowd.

CIA attorney Mayerfield was on campus for the second time in two years to interview law students. "For many years the CIA operated without much need for lawyers," Mayerfield said.

"NO ONE TOOK us to court much and not on substantive matters," he added.

The attorney explained that more emphasis was placed on the legalities of CIA activities during the mid-70s when people began to seriously question government authority. Ten years ago there were approximately ten lawyers employed by the CIA, Mayerfield said, and now there are about 30.

The CIA is getting more "lawful," he said.

AT NOON more than 100 persons protested CIA recruitment on campus gathered outside the Law Quad to hear Wayne State student government president Russ Bellant speak.

The CIA can't operate as it does without cooperation from other government organizations, he said. For example, the CIA trained divisions of the Chicago and New York City Police Department. And "they often had local police go with them (the CIA) to escape detection" on the CIA's illegal breaking and entry operations, Bellant said.

"When people talk about covert activities—you should understand that those operations come home," Bellant cautioned. He said the CIA does not

separate home from abroad in their spying activities.

BRET EYNON spoke next at the rally which was sponsored by several groups, including the National Lawyers Guild, Graduate Employee Organization, Michigan Alliance Against Racism and Political Oppression, and the Black Student Union. Eynon, a University graduate, has been compiling a book on the "new left" in Ann Arbor. He said there has been a "long history of collusion with the CIA at the University. We tend to forget that as we go along with our studies."

He said the University played a key role in the CIA's mind control programs and testing of drugs, such as LSD, during the 60s. Testing was done here and at hospitals and prisons across the country, he added.

The CIA came to campus during the 60s and even set up an office, Eynon added. "We know they did because students found out about it and blew it up," he explained.

DURING EYNON'S speech several men stood on the roof of the Sigma Chi fraternity jeering at the protesters.

One third-year law student said he went up to them and screamed, "Are you too afraid to come down from the roof?"

"This has been a terrible week, why don't they (the people of the fraternity) leave us alone," he sighed.

ONE OF THE 11 students who interviewed with Mayerfield, who asked not to be identified, said many young attorneys begin their careers in federal government positions.

"It's the optimum starting position for a young attorney," he added.

He has no particular compunction against the CIA, the student said, "I see them as a working federal agency with legal problems to solve."

The student also explained he was pragmatic enough to know that whether he works for them or not, the CIA will be around for awhile.

George Cole said he signed up for an interview out of curiosity. "It would be my last choice. I would have a better job and more fun in private practice," he said.